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Subject Community Health Program Subcommittee

Hi all. Finally, I drafted the notes from our Community Health Program Subcommittee meeting on May 12. Please read them over and let me know if there are any edits or errors.

Also, I'm really looking for feedback on these meetings - they are meant to be a forum to provide meaningful community input into the Community Health Program. Please let me know how these meetings can evolve toward that purpose.

Finally, Gloria reserved St. Martin's Plaza for our next meeting on Thursday, June 16 from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Please mark it on your calendar and remember that it's at a different place than last time.

I'll send a reminder email in a week or so. Please come and invite whoever else might be interested in the Community Health Program.

Have a wonderful week,  
-jc



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## **Community Health Program Subcommittee Meeting**

**May 12, 2005**

The meeting began by restating the purpose of the group. The group is to be a forum where substantive decisions about the design and execution of the Community Health Program are made.

Anthony Thomas said that he feels that there was a problem before because the community leaders felt very shut out from the Community Health Program. He now feels the problem has been solved because of this and the Friday Outreach Development Meetings.

Martha Hoff provided the group with an update from the April 27 Steering Committee meeting. She said the main, substantive issue at that meeting had to do with bio-monitoring clinics. Northeast Denver Housing (NEDH) and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) are taking the clinics to preschools. Wendy Hawthorne and Clementine Pigford are developing the clinic site list. There was a general discussion about potential clinic locations. ***Lorraine Granado offered the Cross Community Coalition office as a clinic site. It has a play area and an office. Lorraine also said she would contact Our Lady of Grace.***

Martha said that CDPHE asked that three Community Health Program Workers attend the clinics – one as a greeter, one bilingual, and one who lives in the neighborhood.

***Martha said that she would provide the community leaders with a copy of the potential clinic site list to review.***

Lorraine asked if these clinics are only for residents living within the site boundaries. Martha said that the clinics are meant for children who are living and spending time in the VB/I-70 site, but nobody is turned away.

Jay said that to advertise these clinics Community Health Program Workers will pass out flyers in neighborhood areas surrounding upcoming clinics.

Lorraine said that the flyer could go into her neighborhood newsletter and also she could gather kids to help pass out flyers.

Anthony noted that neighborhood fairs would be good places to advertise clinics.

***Martha and Jay agreed to put together an outreach plan for each neighborhood for the group to review. They also agreed to pass the flyer by the Friday Outreach Development group.***

It was suggested to make sure that media are contacted.

Jennifer said that EPA is planning a media tour for the site as a whole and that would bring attention to the Community Health Program and the clinics. The group agreed that in that case, the clinic outreach would focus mainly local newspapers and newsletters, etc...

Lorraine mentioned that at the next Working Group meeting she would like to discuss the issue of source and that she has information that arsenic trioxide is refined and she wants to know where Drexler's study is.

Martha then provided responses to the group's questions to the Steering Committee:

Question: Some parents may be unable to attend biomonitoring clinics in the community. Can we set up a voucher system so that they can be tested for free at a DHHA clinic?

Answer: DHHA and DEH CHP staff will work with any VB/I-70 family that is unable to attend scheduled biomonitoring clinics to ensure that their child(ren) is tested. This information will be incorporated into the biomonitoring clinic schedule distributed by CHW's through the CHP.

The group thought a possible answer may be to run clinics into evening or on weekends.

Lorraine said that she is able to provide transportation through RTD. We could add information about transportation options on our outreach flyers and in community newsletters. Lorraine will send to Martha and Jay who will be the contact.

Martha suggested to the group that we wait and see if there is a widespread need for this because it's very complicated bureaucratically.

Question: What resources are there for lead and arsenic testing for children six and older who do not display pica behavior or another risk factor?

Answer: DHHA recommends that parents with concerns regarding children six and older, and without additional risk factors, contact their personal physician for evaluation and testing. DHHA recommends that families without a personal physician utilize the Eastside Clinic for these services.

Martha reiterated that no one is turned away at the clinics. She said that they try to do targeted outreach, but if someone shows up with kids older than six, they wouldn't be turned away.

Lorraine then suggested putting together information about lead in candy and other products. Then there was a general discussion about lead in candy and other products.

Martha said that Beverly is looking into two release forms for parents to get Kids at Play study information from Dr. Rutenber.

Martha provided an update on the number of homes contacted by Community Health Program Workers.

Jay Salas said that people such as the Community Health Program Workers are much more effective than paper and that the Community Health Program Workers carry around much too much paper that is being wasted. He said the program should probably spend more money on Community Health Program Workers than paper. He suggested changing the information provided into a folder form with easy-to-access subject tabs. Martha said that the constraints to doing that are time and decision-making. Jay said he does know a local printer who could do it for a reasonable cost. ***Lorraine invited Jay and James and the rest of the group to the next CEASE meeting to go over the materials to see how we can pare it down. Martha said that she will send over six packets of the information for CEASE members to look at.***

***The next meeting was scheduled for June 16, 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Place to be announced.***